Restructuring of JEE

978. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to restructure the Joint Entrance Examination criteria;

(b) whether Government has taken any action to check the mushrooming of JEE coaching industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Joint Admission Board (JAB), which consists of representatives from all the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad and Institute of Technology – Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU) as well as a representative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, make recommendations in respect of matters relating to the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). A Review Committee has been set up by the JAB to give its recommendations regarding factoring in of class XII results on a percentile basis while deciding admissions into IITs. Integrating of class XII results with JEE results, would help reduce the dependence on coaching. Variation in the results of various Boards would be taken care of by following the cut-off marks on percentile basis.

Setting up of schools under PPP mode

979. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to set up 2500 schools under the Public-Private-Partnership policy;

(b) the details of this proposal and policy;

(c) what would be the financial contribution of Government in this scheme; and

(d) the role of Government in the management of such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Government has decided to set up 6,000 model schools at the block level at the rate of one school per block as benchmarks of excellence. Out of these, 2500 schools are to be set up in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in blocks other than educationally backward blocks. The modalities for setting up of these schools are yet to be finalized.

Vacant posts in universities

980. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of universities and colleges in the country as on October 31, 2007, State-wise;